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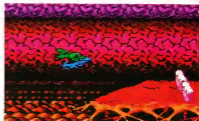
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Such impressive! We were pleasantly surprised when the results from our survey came in. Back in January we decided that just being a magazine wasn't enough. We wanted to help promote the industry! After thinking a while about how to best go about this process we decided on a theme - interaction. The first step was to include a Reader Service Card in each issue. Not only would we be helping our readers by putting them in touch with all of the key hardware and software companies in the country, but, we would also be helping the companies get in touch with the players who are interested in their specific products! At the same time we wanted to learn more about the type of players who read our magazine. By knowing more about you, we can modify our mag to best serve your interests. And, over the past few issues the book has been evolving. You say you want more pages, you got it! We're at 132 now, and rising! You want insert magazines - we're doing it! NEC, Micro Gaming, Lynx, Robo Cop 2 and Electronic Arts over the past 4 issues. You want expanded coverage on all that is new. You got it - Neo-Geo, Super Famicom, Lynx and Game Gear. You want news even faster than once a month. You got it. Our EGM weekly 900 number gives you REAL news, reviews and tips not seen in previous issues of the magazine. And we're not done yet. Over the next few months you will see things that have never been done before!

But back to the headline. While we would love to sell a million copies every month we aren't there yet. But over a million players read each issue of EGM! There's a difference between the two statements. From our survey we found out that after you are done reading EGM you pass it on to several of your friends so they also can get the latest and best info on the gaming industry. This 'pass-on' readership, when added to our paid circulation, gets us to the over 1,000,000 mark. Is it important? To our readers, probably not. But if I was an advertiser, I would like to hear that number.

We've learned other things about our readers. Over two thirds of you are between the ages of 11 and 17. The next largest segment is the 18 to 25 group. And both of these groups combined make up almost 90 percent of our readership! These are the serious game players, as over 50% of you own 16 or more games and purchase more than a dozen games per year. The NES is the most popular system with 70% of our readers owning one. But you don't stop with just one system. Almost 33% have the Genesis; 21% GameBoy; 19% TurboGrafx; 10% Master System and 5% have a Lynx. That is the profile of a 'typical' EGM reader. And from your letters and calls the one item that is requested most often is that you want the latest information on what is new in the industry. We couldn't agree more! We want you to feel that the cover price is money worth spent. That you learned something new. To this end, check out our international section starting on page 76. You'll see pictures of Super Famicom, Mega Drive and PC Engine games that even the U.S. companies haven't seen yet!

We may not be at the 1,000,000 mark yet, but we're on our way!

Ed Semrad
Editor

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MORE SUPERGRAFX!!

I love your mag. You do have all the newest games reviewed before anyone else. But the reason I read your mag is for the Japanese game reviews. What disappoints me though, is your lack of any SuperGrafx reviews. Strider and Ghouls and Ghosts have graphics that blow Genesis out of the picture. But you haven't reviewed these great games. Don't trash a system because of a lack of soft. I would rather have a SG with 6 games than a Genesis with many games.

David Dietrich
College Station, TX

(Ed. Don't get us wrong Dave, we like the SuperGrafx as well as you do. We are doing everything we can to get as much info on this super system as we can, but there just aren't a lot of new games coming out for the SG. SG Strider has been delayed for a while but 1941 will be coming out very soon. Aldyne is the newest game and it's great!)



Aldyne is the newest soft for the SuperGrafx.

DOUBLE DRAGON FOR GENESIS??

Thank you for the greatest source of video game info ever! I only have two questions. Genesis lacks Kung-Fu or ninja-type games. You did talk about a few of them in the past, but could you give us some pictures and info on more softs in this category? Second, why can't Sega make Double Dragon and Y's? Didn't they belong to Sega any way?

David Moses
Fort Lewis, WA

(Ed. There will be a couple of new kung-fu games coming out in the near future. Double Dragon 2 will be out for the Mega Drive later this summer. A new company called Palsoft will bring it out for the Japanese market. Check out our exclusive pix of this punch and kick classic in this month's international Section. Street Smarts is another good game in this genre. Treco is doing it over here for the Genesis and it is presently scheduled for a late June release. Scope out page 116 for the first pictures on this hot soft! Sega did not create Y's or Double Dragon. You are probably thinking of the Master System games and to reprogram these, they had to obtain the rights from the original creators. With Y's 3 coming to the Turbo and Super Fami, perhaps a Mega Drive version may be in the works for some time in the future.)

APRIL FOOL...?

In issue 21 you played a trick on us in the Tricks of the Trade Section the last trick was a fake. You said to read the name of the person who sent it in after trying the trick 10 times. I tried it 20 times but I just couldn't get it to work! Then I read the name real carefully and realized it was April Fools from EGM. I think you have the best mag around and I respect all that you

wrote about but please, no more tricks like that.

John Argueta
Yardley, PA

OK, so you pulled one over on us with your April Fools trick. I have to admit, you fooled me but what still puzzles me is how you did it. If it is a bogus trick, then how did you get Simon in the Turtles game. Did you go in and reprogram the cart? Please, tell us your secret.

Tom Baton
Houston, TX

I would like to tell you how much I love your magazine. It is the greatest. I love seeing the new games and reading about the tips. You really outdid yourself in issue 21 though. This time you added a bit of humor to an otherwise serious mag. What I'm talking about is your April Fools hint for T.M.N.T. 2. That was a real classic!

Mark Raught
New Wilmington, PA.

(Ed. Aren't you glad that April Fools comes only once a year? We are, because we were getting hundreds of calls and letters about this trick. As to how we did it, that will have to remain a secret. Just remember that since we have the most sophisticated computers and electronic equipment in the industry we can do almost anything! And would we ever do another April Fools trick?.....)



ILLEGAL GAMES..!

I have a question about one of your ads in issue number 19. In that ad they talked about a Nintendo cart with 50 to 100 games on it. Can you tell us more about this? How can they pack so many games into one cart?

Lam Nguyen
North Haven, CT

(Ed. Be careful Lam! These cartridges which have dozens of games on them

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are illegal to own! First, they are not made by Nintendo. Actually they are produced in Taiwan by a company that is not licensed by Nintendo. Third, they are very expensive. On my last trip to Japan, a cart like this which had 110 games on it was selling for over \$125! Fourth, these carts are complete rip-offs! The games which are featured on it are first generation Famicom games. Most of them are so bad that they never made it to the states. Extremely blocky graphics, virtually no player control and very few game levels. Many are duplicated several times on the cart with only the speed of the action increased. But what makes it illegal is that there are a few well known games on it. Super Mario Brothers is one, and ripping this classic off is a definite no-no! Don't waste your time or money on these loser carts!

LYNX RULES!..

I've been thinking about getting a portable game system. The GameBoy with it's black and white graphics just doesn't excite me. The TurboExpress is way too expensive for my blood and the Lynx seemed dead in the water. That is until I read your Atari Adventure insert in issue 21. Wow! Nobody, but nobody, has ever shown even a tenth of the pictures that you did! How did you do it? Are these real games? And when will they be out? I'm sold! I am now a proud and happy Lynx owner! Bring on the rest of the games!!

Andy Winston
Arleta, CA

I recently received issue number 21 of EGM, and I was impressed. As usual, the reporting was solid and to-the-point. Especially impressive was the coverage of the Atari Lynx. All the new games were presented in a professional fashion, and the information was extremely up to date.

Also noteworthy was the "The Games of April 1991". I would highly recommend that you continue this feature. Since so many manufacturers are releasing so many new games simultaneously it's good to know which ones will be available very soon.

I read all the mags currently available and I must say that EGM is the best by

a great margin. Please continue your superb work.

Philip R. Glebow
Napa, CA



Stun Runner for the Lynx!

Put this in your magazine!

What about Electronic Gaming Television? On Friday or Saturday the ratings would go through the roof! Don't do cartoons, only do reviews, previews, interviews, insider news etc. Think about it! Only you could do it without all the candy coating!

Allan Khouri
El Cajon, CA

Great job EGM! Your Lynx insert was awesome! Finally somebody is actually covering this system. I mean how many times do I have to see the same Ninja Gaiden picture repeated over and over again? I turn to your insert and you do two pages of solid pictures on the same game. I don't know how you do it but keep it up!

Glen Jackson
Pensacola, FL

(Ed. Thanks for the compliments guys! We're glad you liked our 16 page Atari insert. This is a feature you will be seeing more and more in EGM. What did you think of our RoboCop 16 pager last issue and the super Electronic Arts special this issue? As you've noticed we are constantly evolving to best serve the readers and the software manufacturers. Our exclusive monthly software calendar is a good example.

Lynx pictures??? You guys should know by now, it's impossible you'll see it done (and first) in EGM! Look closely in this issue and you will see more impossible magic which the electronic wizards here have performed!?? EGM-TV...hmmm...you never know!!.....)

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- 4 = Fair
- 3 = Poor

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Slove is back to playing the new Super Famicom games. He likes the horizontal shooters and Darius Twin and Super R-Type are his present favorites.

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Ed has gotten into some of the new Japanese quest games like Blue Aimanac and Arcus Odyssey. Our new Tera just came in and he's already got it all apart.

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Martin's time is split between Final Soldier for the PC Engine and Ninja Gaiden 3 for the NES. For a challenge he's going for a max score by playing through Danus Twin.

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Sushi and Quartermann aren't getting along. Quartermann wants to start doing reviews but Sushi thinks Quartermann is a few nickels short of 2 bits. It's getting nasty here!

Nintendo - Tradewest Battletoads

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 12 Difficulty: Ave.



Step aside turtles as here come the toads. Rescue Princess Angalica and your best buddy Pimple who have been kidnapped by the Dark Queen. It's 12 levels of fighting through endless canyons, dark holes and tempting tunnels loaded with ice and fire before you get to the Tower of Shadows where the ultimate battle awaits you. Take a friend along as this is also a two player cooperative game.

This is without a doubt one of the best video games ever played on any system in recent memory. Battletoads combines a great story line with superb graphics, a terrific sound and smashing gameplay. It's sort of an extended Double Dragon with personality! A winner all the way!

Unbelievable! Toads has my vote for the best Nintendo game so far this year! Everything is done perfectly - it is long, challenging and most importantly - fun. As a two player game, it is hilarious. The animations and sound effects are also well done. Better than a 9 but not quite a 10.

Awesome! Awesome! Awesome! Amazing graphics and animation will blow you away. Most of all the game is extremely fun to play, a quality that's hard to find in any system. With new techniques and techniques on each level, the Toads almost got a 10.

Excellent! Radical! Most Triumphant!! If Battletoads doesn't make you laugh or try your best with utter amazement, you are reading the wrong magazine. A mountain of work that went into this game is phenomenal! This'll make up for Double Dragon.

Nintendo - Bandai Ultimate Journey

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Mod.



Bandai's new side scrolling action game places you as a brave Indian warrior named Mojavo. In this quest you must undertake the ultimate journey as around each turn lies a new foe. Venture high atop the Outcast Mountains to the evil Wrathkon's Castle. The enemies seem endless but you must venture onward as you must rescue Haypavo and prevent the creation of the dominator.

This is another in the growing ranks of action games that seem inspired by other great ones. Ultimate Journey, however, does a better than average job of combining thrills with great pix and variety of challenge! Not an innovation in any sense, just good action with some twists!

This is going to be another Nintendo sleeper as Bandai's Rockoteer will get all the publicity. But, just this one also as it is a well designed game which keeps your interest all the way to the end. There is a wide variety of action and having the ability to transform into other characters is a plus!

This game is pretty cool with above average graphics and an original theme. The game could have been better but it's still a good action game anyway. Sort of a combination of Rygar, Ninja Gaiden, and Dances with Wolves. Changing into a shark and a eagle is fun too. Yeah Danny!

Surprisingly enough, Ultimate Journey is a fun game to play! Although the graphics are not that great, and the jump control could be better, the techniques are excellent! Turning into animals later in the game help provide some variety just when the game begins to slow down.

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CIRCLE #109 ON READER SERVICE CARD.

Nintendo - Parker Brothers Monopoly

Type: Family Release: June
Levels: NA Difficulty: Easy



Do not pass go, go directly to jail! The grand-daddy of all board games is now available for the Nintendo. The official rules are incorporated into the program as are all the properties, cards, and even the dice. As you move, the screen zooms into a closeup of the street and your piece. With an option for multiplayer action, Monopoly for the NES offers simultaneous fun for the entire family without the recordkeeping problems

There's not a lot to rate here, either you like the board game Monopoly or you don't. There are some nice visuals with movement on the board that spice up the appearance of the game, but for a few minor enhancements and reads of options, it's Monopoly - and I like that!

Nintendo games suitable for the entire family are few and far between. All the rules are built in and the character animations are well done. I still like the board game better as I can feel my cash and inspect my properties any time. Can't cheat or lose any pieces on the NES!

It's Monopoly done on the NES. Big deal. It's a cool idea, but the game play is too awkward and playing with multiple players isn't as much fun as the good old board game. If you like Monopoly and want a novelty to play with then get it. If not then pass go without it and get the board for \$10.

Some games just don't belong on the Nintendo, but at least they didn't make Monopoly for the Genesis or something. I suppose if you're too lazy to pull out the original board game, this one is just for you. Nothing impressive here, so don't expect much.

Nintendo - HAL Lolo 3

Type: Maze Release: June
Levels: 100 Difficulty: Ave.



The third in the LoLo series makes it's debut this month. LoLo 3 offers more of the mindbending puzzles, similar in design to those in the first two games. This edition features seventeen levels with 100 new rooms. The password is back but you now have the option to practice mazes in different levels. Play either as LoLo or LaLa (non-sexist!) and then change to the other character at will.

The third installment of the LoLo series picks up where the first two left off, with LoLo out to solve a series of puzzles. This time, however, there's some action as LoLo travels through a scrolling land, retrieves crystals and finally gets captured - letting you become LaLa for a respite!

The first two versions are among my favorites and the third continues the tradition! A great thinking type game with all new mazes and a few new features thrown in. Not much to look at, but who cares as the puzzles are everything! A safe purchase if you liked the first two.

LoLo 3 is pretty good for the 3rd in the series. Puzzle games aren't my thing, but this one is very involving and fun to play. It's kind of like Boxide, but the puzzles have more variety. The only drawback is that once you beat all the levels you don't want to play it anymore.

Definitely the best of the LoLo trilogy LoLo III makes me dizzy! Some of the mazes remind me of Boxide. The traps are definitely inventive and original, and the option to play as LoLo or as his girlfriend, LaLa, is a cool and well appreciated option. LoLo 4 can't be far behind.

Nintendo - Konami Lone Ranger

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 7+ Difficulty: Ave.



Oh, oh. The president is missing and rumors have it that the evil Cavendish gang are behind the kid-napping. The efforts of the Secret Service have unveiled nothing, so it's time for the Lone Ranger and his faithful companion Tonto. Besides, the LR has a personal score to settle with Butch Cavendish. Ride through eight areas of the West exploring towns, caves and reservations looking for the needed clues.

This is definitely Metal Gear in the old west. You got the same combo of action and adventure mixed, with just enough mystery thrown in to keep quest fans happy. There's not an abundance of action you found anywhere in the game, but it's structured to deliver some adventure fun.

As much as I like a good quest game, I just couldn't get overly excited about the Lone Ranger. It was hard to stay motivated in the adventure and it lacks the variety and openness found in others. While all the elements are in place it just doesn't come together.

The theme is totally original and it follows the old TV show pretty accurately. The game itself is nothing new though. Having different types of game play helps, but the game is not that exciting and becomes repetitive. Not great, not bad either, just average.

Lone Ranger is definitely different. The thought of the Lone Ranger having to go and solve mysteries is kind of hard to swallow, but it's okay. The adventure isn't bad for a good while, but mainly because you are constantly sent from place to place, not because of exploration.

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CIRCLE #110 ON READER SERVICE CARD



TurboGrafx - NEC TV Basketball

Type: Sport Release: June
Levels: NA Difficulty: Ave.



Lace up your Air Jordans, plug in the Turbo Tap, round up a few of your friends and get set for some serious basketball action. Translated from the Cinemaware computer game but enhanced with multiplayer cooperative action! Special features include an announcer who offers commentary on the game in between quarters. Check your schedule for the next game and plan out your strategy.

The latest in NEC's translations of the Cinemaware sports games does a decent job of living up to its name—sake, but falls a little short in the action department. The strategy of basketball is all there, albeit exaggerated in places, but the speed of the game is just a tad too slow.

As a one player game, basketball is only average. But that is not the intent of this series of games. Play them with the Turbo Tap and lots of friends. As such, the game really opens up because of the interaction and cooperation that happens when it turns into a real multiplayer game!

I'm sorry but the five player option isn't an reason for a less than average playing game. They could've made this game really awesome with close-ups and loads of cinemas. Rather it's a bit too very smooth and hard to follow. Not much fun except as a five player game.

Well, it not bad, but it's not good either. The play control is bearable, but the perspective changes is confusing and annoying. The music and sound effects are okay and could use improving. The 3 player mode is it's best option, and really the only way to have fun here.

TurboGrafx - NEC Sherlock Holmes

Type: CD Release: June
Levels: 3 Difficulty: Mod.



The king of the detectives has now come to the Turbo. Not content with just a good detective mystery, NEC has contracted with ICOM to do something special and they came back with not one but three Sherlock stories that, for the first time, offer full motion video. Each case tests your deductive reasoning but, even if you solve the case you still can go back and try to get a better score than Sherlock got.

This is the wave of the future! The game itself is a rough, but the technological leaps it makes are staggering. This is an interactive movie, featuring game play that possesses almost full motion video and is acted out nicely, providing the clues that make it a game.

This is an example of the type of games we will be playing two years from now. It is revolutionary, challenging and well worth of its time. The mysteries are fine and that SH would take you and have been made harder by setting a near perfect score as a goal. Phenomenal!

This is the first of the two animation CD's for the Turbo and it really impressed me. The voices and the mouth movements don't match up but the animation is the most realistic I've ever seen. The mystery is very involving too. My only complaint is the game's easiness.

Excellent!!! The cinema screens in Sherlock are incredible! It's like watching a movie, mystery unfold in front of your very eyes! The worst part about Sherlock Holmes is that only three mysteries don't last too terribly long. And you beat them, all you can do is try to beat Holmes.

Genesis- Sunsoft Batman

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 7 Difficulty: Ave.



The legendary Batman is now available from Sunsoft for the Genesis. Play the part of the Caped Crusader as you pursue the Joker and his henchmen through the streets, sewers and buildings of Gotham City. Hop in the Batmobile or Batwing as you chase after the enemy in order to save the kidnapped Vicki. Watch the animated cinema intermissions between levels as you close in on the Joker.

The ultimate side-scrolling action game for the Genesis is finally available! Batman returns, the hero in a variety of scenes, straight out of the movie. Great cinemas, Batmobile and Batwing action sequences are all combined to make a superb game (that's just a little too short).

Easily one of the best playing Genesis titles ever made. Good solid game play backed by excellent 16 bit graphics, sound effects and animated intermissions. True to the movie plot but it could have been a bit longer. Long waiting, but it's worth the wait!

A great title that almost never made to the Genesis legitimately. Great graphics and incredible music make this one of the best action carts available. Perfectly done, the movie's story and even the Batmobile and Batwing scenes as well as cinema clips. A bit too easy though.

What can I say? It's great, but not the best. Once again, another simple game for the Genesis. The gameplay is true to the movie's mood and scenery, but the battles are too easy and don't last very long. Anyway, Batman is a lot of fun and full of huge levels to keep you busy. Solid.

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Genesis - Sega Midnight Resistance

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 9 Difficulty: Ave.



Based on the popular Data East coin-op, this Heavy Barrel sequel offers more of the great shoot-em-up action found in the original. Now with 16 bit graphics and a full 8 meg, MR takes shooters to new heights. Your mission this time is to save your family who have been kidnapped by alien mutants. The irony of this problem, is that the mutants were accidentally created by your grandfather! Save the planet!

This is the closest thing to Contra that I've seen available for the Sega machine. The fast scrolling action and shooting is all the sequel to Heavy Barrel does, and blowing in some spots, but a slight difficulty in control tempo that would otherwise be a near-perfect action title.

This is a great example of what 8 meg can do to a shooter. The game has depth, good player control, spectacular graphics and a nice variety of different levels. It goes to a constant stream of items to keep you busy. Similar to Contra but with a 16 bit upgrade.

This is exactly the kind of game the Genesis needs. Superb game play and outstanding graphics make it one of the best shooters for the Genesis. Awesome weapons and great end bosses. Two things I don't like are the absence of a 2 player mode and the game is way too easy.

Midnight Resistance is awesome!! The super-powered weapons blow me away, and the backgrounds are incredible! The best part about Midnight Resistance is that it's too easy! Come on, this game was much harder in the arcade, and challenging. Still, it's a great game.

Genesis - Sega Twin Cobra

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 8 Difficulty: Ave.



Take to the skies as you prepare to singlehandedly blow away the entire land, water and air based armies of an evil dictator who threatens to take over the world. The odds are thousands to one, but by being able to steal some of the enemy's weapons you just might have a chance! Each level puts you up against a different configuration of enemy forces but with your doomsday bomb you can do it!

This is one of my favorite arcade vertical shooters of all time and Sega has done a remarkable job of capturing the action. Everything is here, practically to the hilt, from the giant Bosses to the intense build-up of weapons. The graphics are edgy but the play is top-notch!

Yet another shooter from the masters at Sega, Twin Cobra is very good but it's more of the same old vertically scrolling this time. The two player option would have made it better but it was left out. No new ground broken here but it is a good shooter if you aren't tired of them yet.

A great shooter that's a classic favorite to me as well as most veteran gamers. This game is a carbon copy of the arcade. Great graphics and sound, and superb game play make this one of the best shooters around. Definitely not for wimpy shooter fans.

Twin Cobra is a fun shooter with lots of power-ups to satisfy the shooter fan. Listen to some cracking tunes and blast your way through the enemy tanks! This game is a lot of fun to play, but it would have been nice if they kept the two-player option in the game, like the arcade.

Genesis - DreamWorks Wings of Wor

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 7 Difficulty: Ave.



In this new shooter from DreamWorks you are Wor, the ultimate battle master. You must defeat the evil mutants of locus before they can gather all their forces to take on the entire galaxy. Fly through six levels of underground caverns heavily infested with some of the most grotesque demons ever to grace the Genesis. Get to the ultimate force itself in order to stop this amageddon from repeating itself!

Another blaster for the Genesis that unfortunately doesn't boast a great theme or unique advancement scales. Wings of Wor's solid action, don't get me wrong, but if you're looking for anything other than a shooting blow-out, then Wings will probably not excite!

One of the best non-arcade shooters to come out in a while. Nicely detailed bosses and a good variety of backgrounds. A good challenging game play is plus here. Has an unusually large number of weapon power-ups which are needed as you progress farther into the game.

Another good shooter for the Genesis. If there weren't so many shooters out there it might have stood out as something different. Some cool features like the variety of power-ups and extremely huge end bosses make this an above average game. Not the best, but not bad.

This is a different type of shooter that doesn't become drawn-out or boring. The enemies are inventive and the round bosses are spectacular! Having weapons and power-up 25 different times is great when facing bosses that take up more than one screen! This is a good solid game.

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CIRCLE #156 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Game Gear - Sega Mickey Mouse

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Ave.



Sega has just converted it's popular Master System version of Mickey Mouse down to the Game Gear. All 6 levels are there down to the last detail. In this game you must rescue Minnie who has been kidnapped by the evil witch Mizrabel. Start off in the black forest on your way to the bizarre fantasy worlds containing wooden soldiers, toy airplanes and immense jack-in-the-box - all suddenly alive and after you.

Mickey Mouse finally brought justice to die-hard Master System fans, and this loose translation of the same code shows that the Game Gear will be able to deliver a fair game. The action scenarios are supported by all kinds of technicals and graphics that do make the GG look good.

Mickey was great on the MS and the GG version is a letter-perfect copy. Everything is the same including all of Mickey's cutscenes. And the game plays the same. Easily the best GG game yet. I hope that this is an indication of what is to come!

The best Game Gear game yet! This is a perfect translation of the Master System version. The graphics and game play will delight gamers. All the animation and cover ups are there and they are basically all the same. A fantastic portable game that shows the GG has promise.

Outstanding! I never thought the Game Gear could faithfully duplicate the Master System. Well, here it is. Playing this I found that every last detail is retained, and even the sound is the same! Unfortunately, Mickey Mouse is far too easy to be challenging for long.

Game Gear - Sega Revenge of Drancon

Type: Action Release: June
Levels: 8 Difficulty: Ave.



The exciting Master System cartridge of the past is now being re-adapted for Sega's new color portable. Help our little caveboy through 8 levels packed with boy-eating snakes, kid-devouring spiders and youngster-scorching fires. Grab the fruit for energy and look for the hidden dolls as you run through each section. Uncover the axe and locate the skateboard to help you speed through the action.

Wonder Boy has arrived for the GG, but why are they calling it Drancon? For whatever reason, the Game Gear title drams the action Wonder Boy into the small screen. A great play on the Super Mario theme of play. I liked Wonder Boy and this is a great copy, but be warned...it is Wonder Boy!

Sounds like a sneaky way to sell more Wonder Boy games. You don't have to hide it. It's a decent game! Even better here because it is now portable and a great traveling game. Packed with the hidden bonus screens and what we liked in the original game.

It's just the original Wonder Boy translated for the Game Gear. The game plays very well on the size of the screen and the graphics are good too. The game is not anything new though and lacks one of the more exciting titles in the set. Good but not great.

Basically, nothing more than Wonder Boy on the tiny screen. Unfortunately on the Game Gear, Drancon does not play as smoothly as on the Master System. Colors are vibrant, however, and the graphics and soundtracks make up for this otherwise slow game.

Game Boy - LJN Punisher

Type: Action Release: Now
Levels: 5 Difficulty: Ave.



It's the not too distant future and crime lords and drug pushers are running rampant. You're the last person who seems to care about law and order. Set out to clean up the city and go for the boss himself - Jigsaw! Spiderman comes to help you in the supermarket and after the hostages are rescued, move on to the marina, airport and Jigsaw himself. Grab more ammo and stronger weapons as you progress.

Based on the comic book character and modified from the NES version, The Punisher on Game Boy has our anti-hero bring the peace to bits, with an assortment of weapons that are indeed a good. Not much new here in this Operation Wolf clone and too repetitive!

Operation Wolf Jr. is an OK GB game. The cameo appearance by Spiderman is a nice idea (sounds like one of your old pool jokes) and perhaps was necessary. As a shooter it's tough on the eyes. Nothing on the tiny screen. Good graphics and plenty to shoot at though.

I don't like this game because the sounds really annoy me and playing this type of shooting game on a little screen is a pain in the eyes. The graphics are above average as far as GB goes, and it has a few cool moments, just an average black and white Operation Wolf.

Set in the first person perspective, Punisher is unique as a GameBoy shooter. Its sound quality would have to be the most notable quality, but the game play itself was good and the graphics were okay. It was really cool to have a special guest appearance by Spiderman, too.

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...Step right up for the ride of your lives boys and girls, it's the one and only Quartermann here with a smart bomb full of goop collected from the most unsightly of places throughout the electronic gaming world! Q-Mann starts the show today with some news sure to send portable players nuclear! Camerica, the armored accessory company from the great white north that managed to weather the nastiness of Nintendo and pull their Game Genie out of its bottle, will be marketing the hand-held Nintendo Entertainment System that was shown to yours truly over a year ago! Look to EG Express for the first pix of the portable, but for now Mr. Q thinks that it's safe to say that the ultimate in portable play may very soon become a reality...Page two - Camerica is also looking to convert GameBoy users to NES users, or at least the games you play! The GameBoy to Nintendo converter that was shown in a previous issue of EGM from Paul "The Ultimate in High-Tech Toys That Seem To Interfaced With the Nintendo" Biederman may also get the go-ahead from the one-time joystick manufacturer! With a WideBoy in my briefcase, I can already tell you that GameBoy games become even worse on a television, so don't look at Quartermann to be boasting over this one...I don't care if you DQ spell your name as Game Qver backwards, you're a total wimp...

...Big news from the Atan camp this month is the go-ahead for active game development on the Panther console! A heavy concentration of interest in European developers has this game fan looking at Atan to start pointing fingers across the Atlantic for development and initial launch of product - although it's strictly speculation at this point. Launching in Europe? Bad move Hans...Okay, okay, okay. You're telling me that the Mega Drive is outselling the Super Fami in Japan? Mega Drive sales are consistent, but when was the last time you were in Japan, bud? You can't buy a 16-Bit Nintendo unless you let 'em stuff dirt down your throat at the same time...Speaking of 16-Bit Nintendo's, a well-placed source at the mighty 'N has let some of the secrecy slip off of their plans for the system's launch in the U.S. To begin with, one report concurs with earlier Q-Mann info that has a control deck, controllers, cables and Super Mario World clocking in at just under 200 bucks. Another rumor says that a second package will be made available with no game and a 169 dollar price tag. Smart move Nintendo. As far as softs are concerned, the first four from Nintendo will be Pilot Wings, F-Zero, Super Mario World and a previously unannounced entry called Pro Challenge Golf...

...The latest from the Genesis court has the 16-Bit giant looking towards D-Day when the first Super NES's start to hit store shelves. In the meantime, Quartermann predicts a price adjustment to be announced at the CES (probably in the 150 area) as well as a final decision on exactly which direction to take the long-rumored CD-ROM. The device, which apparently exists in three different forms, will be constructed with an eye towards a)graphics, b) sound and c) price. Which door Sega decides to look behind is anyone's guess at this point, but with the Turbo having difficulty at \$350, we may see the money minds prevail...While we're at Sega, here's a little secret that yours truly got to see first-hand while in Japan. Did you know that there is actually a device that will let you connect your Game Gear to a TV and plug in a Genesis controller for console play?! The machine is immense, but it does indeed work!...Not today Steve Shea...

...Nintendo has struck a blow against a competitor, while itself being hit hard with the very limp hand of Uncle Sam. Against their suit with Tengen, Nintendo has prevailed and we may be seeing the last of that company's better-than-average line-up of software. Tengen plans to focus even stronger with Genesis wares in the future so don't count this video game leader out...Just shortly after this move was made, Nintendo itself got hit with a \$30 million buck settlement with the Federal Trade Commission that lets Nintendo get away without saying "We did it" or pay any real substantial returns on the claim that they fixed prices. Everyone gets a five dollar coupon. Sounds like the government is HELPING Nintendo sell more games...

...Until next time, here's Quartermann letting you in on the jive that I will soon be marrying none other than Quarterwoman! See you after the party Quarter-fans...

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CAMERICA TO RELEASE NES GAMES - RUMORS OF PORTABLE NINTENDO AND GAMEBOY CONVERTER ALSO GROWING!

It appears that one-time peripheral producer Camerica, last seen whipping Nintendo over the right to sell the company's Game Genie video game enhancer in Canada, has set its sights on an even larger slice of the video game pie. The company has officially announced plans to unleash over 20 carts for the the Nintendo 8-Bit, none of which will carry the gaming giant's "Seal of Approval". Among the first entries will be a special multiple game title that will feature several different contests on the same cart!

This would appear to be a very aggressive push into the market by a company that only a year ago was famous for its remote joysticks. In addition to the softs, however, Camerica will also be making a move to produce more hardware compatible with the Nintendo Entertainment System and Nintendo game cartridges.

In a rumored confirmed by top company representatives, Camerica plans to market both the portable Nintendo Entertainment System



The NES/GameBoy adapter allows you to play your GameBoy carts on television!



This early preproduction model of the portable Nintendo sported a clear color LCD, external control ports and full compatibility with NES carts!

and the GameBoy to Nintendo adapter that have been previously announced in this section of EGM from Biederman Design Labs. Both of the devices are state-of-the-art enhancements compared to the normal hardware selections that Nintendo offers, and the quality of the work, even in the prototypes, was extraordinarily good.

While it's safe to say that an abundance of cosmetic changes will be made to the pictures which we've shown before, Camerica is said to be very enthusiastic about the new devices, although formally they remain tight-lipped about the existence of a formal plan to bring the products to store shelves.

The portable Nintendo, formally called The Express, delivers solid gaming on the go using your existing library of NES-compatible

cartridges. In the version we tested, joypad ports were built into the surface of the unit, although a different model, with the pad built-in, was also working.

The Express had all the makings of an instant hit until Nintendo yanked out the batteries to avoid any copyright infringements, apparently enough to make Camerica give the go-ahead!

The GameBoy converter was equally well made, finally giving players the chance to display small screen games on the TV like magazines do with expensive items called WideBoys.

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TALESPIN; CAMP CALIFORNIA;
DINO LAND; ONSLAUGHT; SHI-
NOBI; NAVY SEALS; MR. DO;
TRACK MEET.**

NEW SOFT NEWS

Koel's next great NES game is Romance of the Three Kingdoms 2. Containing a whopping 4 megabit RAM, plus 256k SRAM and the new MMC-5 chip, Romance 2 could very well be the most detailed military simulation ever on this system! For the Genesis, Sega has officially announced that there will NOT be a hint book included with Phantasy Star 3! Instead, it will be available for \$19.95 wherever games are sold. RPG lovers rejoice - Sega has also confirmed that they will be doing both Shining and the Darkness and Phantasy Star 4 for the 16 Bit. CSG Imagesoft has a GameBoy version of a Solstice-type game called Altered Space. Also for the GB, expect to see Extra Bases from Bandai and a revolutionary version of Tecmo Bowl where you can use the NES passwords on the GB cart!

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SNOW BROTHERS Capcom/Nintendo

The 1990 Toaplan coin-op favorite will soon be coming to the Nintendo! Capcom has grabbed the rights and expects to get the soft to the stores this fall. Both you and a friend can simultaneously play the part of Nick and Tom as you climb up to the top of the screen. Shoot the enemies with your gun to freeze them, and turn them into snowballs which start rolling down the ramps and over everything (including you!) in their way!



Shoot the enemies, once to freeze then and more to turn them into a huge man-crushing rolling snowball!

SMASH TV Acclaim/Nintendo

Acclaim's NES version of the smash coin-op is nearing completion. Dual controllers (or the 4 score for 2 player simultaneous game play) will be needed to handle all the action!



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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

GameTek/Nintendo

The hilarious Globetrotters are coming to the NES in one of the best basketball games yet! All the standard basketball rules are here but once you gain control of the ball try out some of the trick shots like the behind the back shot or the somersault slam dunk! As you get better, baffle your opponents (a 4 player game with the 4 Score) with some fancy shoulder roll passes or even the wild finger spin pass!



HIGH SPEED

Tradewest/Nintendo

If you thought Pinbot was good, wait till you see Tradewest's version of the old flipper game! This one has a lot of special effects borrowed from the original Williams coin-op like shrieking sirens when you run that red light, police car-radio messages and even a few new features such as lightning bombs and attacking enemies! Go for the bonus levels but watch out for the acid patch or the manic mechanics on the 3-D perspective playfield!



TALESPIN

NEC/TurboGrafx

Disney has been very busy licensing many of its animations to video game companies. NEC has grabbed the popular Talespin characters, and in this episode you must locate 5 pieces of an ancient stone map. Get all of them to find the location of a hidden city containing the powers of the universe. Fight your way through a jungle river valley loaded with mischievous monkeys ready to bonk you with coconuts. Swin through the great simoon reef, explore the chilling ice caves and trek through an airplane hanger avoiding the monkey wrench throwing enemies!



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Renovation/Genesis

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Accolade/Genesis



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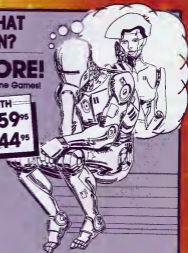
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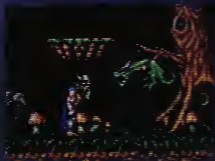
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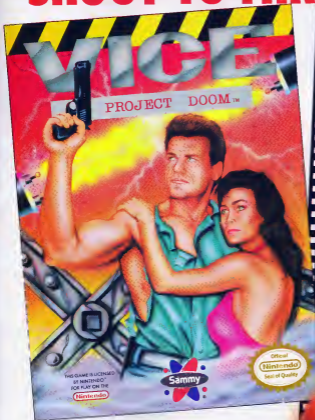
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(Sega/ Game Gear)



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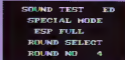
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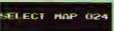


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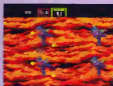
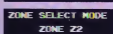
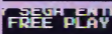
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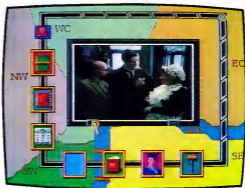
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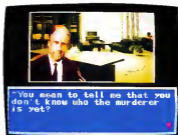
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WHAT IS 16-BIT?

You've probably heard a lot about 8-bit and 16-bit video games. What exactly do the numbers mean and what does the word "bit" really stand for? What is the difference between the two different types of game machines on the market and which one is right for you? These questions, along with important information that highlights the capabilities of today's new breed of video game machines, are what this special 16-bit Video Game Guide is all about!

In the beginning, game machines were constructed around simple processors with a limited amount of memory with which to access for game information. The earliest consoles used hardware that at best could produce games that look primitive by today's standards. The resolution of the screen characters, as well as the depth of play were consistently shallow in the early days of video gaming.

With the release of the Nintendo Entertainment System® and Sega Master System™, however, we've seen video game play take on a whole new dimension! Where games were once slow and tedious, they became fast and full of action. Where we once

had graphics of limited quality and scope, the new generation of machines delivered more detail, more color and above all, more realism.

Supported by a wide array of licensees like Electronic Arts, the Nintendo Entertainment System soon became the ultimate electronic entertainment device, offering exciting versions of arcade hits and other original titles.

"What's up, gaming fans? This is Ken Williams, and I'm your host for this guide to 16-bit gaming! In these next pages, I will explain the 'mystery' of 16-bit technology and what it has to offer. This section deals with the terminology and technological concerns of 16-bit machines. The following section explains the newest 16-bit system, the Super Famicom™, dubbed the SFX. When released in the United States, it will be called the Super Nintendo™, or SNES. Afterwards, my colleague Martin Alessi will go over the aspects of the Sega™ Genesis™ and its upcoming carts. Close behind, Mike Riley will parse the world of computer gaming, focusing on the newest information on technology and games for PC's and the Amiga™. Don't forget to look for the previews of Electronic Arts game products, either in production or on the store shelves. As 8-bit technology is replaced by 16-bit monsters, you can be sure that new games will have stupendous graphics, blasting music and sound effects, and awesome gameplay!"



8-BIT VERSUS 16-BIT!!

When shown head-to-head, 8-bit graphics are lame compared to 16-bit color crushers! The number of colors may blow you away, or perhaps the crisp 16-bit resolution is more to your liking. Either way, the difference is obvious and truly outstanding!

PC technology was the prevailing standard for several years now, with systems like the Super TurboGrafx-16 and the Genesis. PC gaming has taken off the main arena. Check out the latest developments of PC technology and games on pages 10-16.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

With the introduction of the Sega Genesis, upcoming Nintendo Super NES, not to mention popular computer software, games have been rocketed into a new realm classified as "16-bit Games". Where the regular Nintendo managed to eclipse earlier game systems with its better graphics and sounds, the 16-bit models take the experience of video games at home even one step further!

What makes 16-bit games so much better than their 8-bit predecessors? First of all, the processor or brain of a 16-bit machine like the Genesis or Super NES is able to

process information at a much faster rate than normal 8-bit systems. This big increase in speed allows the units to take advantage of more advanced features, better graphics and sound that has an almost CD quality to it! Also, since the processors that drive the new generation of 16-bit systems are more powerful, the designers can en-



allow the systems with special functions such as scaling and rotation! All of these different enhancements contribute to the overall appeal of the games you're now able to play.

The faster speed of the machines also comes in useful for image and sound manipulation in the software! Since 16-bit games for both the consoles and computers can create games that are 16 Megabits and higher, the amount of game that can be put into a cartridge is much greater than what earlier video game systems or even the NES[®] is able to handle!

"The Sega Genesis was the first 16-bit gaming system meant for games exclusively. It was also the first major gaming system to feature more than two buttons. The 16-bit technology allows such advances. It's major debut was not shrouded, however, due to a lack of prominent carts. Thankfully, Sega has signed numerous licenses and the new games are pouring in! Look for new smash Genesis hits from Electronic Arts on pages 8-11."

and sound manipulation in the software!



Ever since the first 16-bit games appeared, it was apparent that video gaming would never be the same. The advanced game systems have lived up to their promises and delivered exciting games bursting with color, detail, and incredible audio that features CD quality!

Whenever you need information on 16-bit technology, remember to refer back to this special Buyer's Guide! It's got all the answers you need about this great new form of video games!



A NEW 16-BIT SYSTEM IS BORN!

For years, faithful NES users have been waiting for the Super Famicom (Super Nintendo in the States) to be released in Japan. The Super Famicom, dubbed the SFX (Special Effects) by the Electronic Gaming Monthly staff, has finally made its dramatic entry to the marketplace in Japan, and is currently making its way to American shores in the Fall of 1991.

After all of the rumors fell away, what was left is a very awesome gaming machine. The Super Famicom offers numerous hardware features, such as scaling, rotation, multi-scrolling, and Mode 7. Besides housing a powerful 65816 processor, the Super Famicom has a separate Sony sound chip with an 8-bit



CPU and DSP (Digital Signal Processor) built-in.

The Super Famicom controller has 8 buttons, not including the directional button. These are the select and start buttons, the four main buttons labeled A, B, X, and Y, and a left and right button gracing the top of the controller. All these buttons mean that programmers may have more flexibility and creativity when they create a game. In fact, Super Mario Brothers 4: Super Mario World utilizes all the buttons!

Electronic Arts is proud to announce their new SFX line of sports carts to fit into their new EASN (EA Sports Network). Top of the list is John Madden Football, PGA Tour Golf, and lastly, Lakers Versus Celtics. The EASN carts will offer more realism than ever seen before. Look for more info in the future!

SCALING

Scaling is a technique that takes an image and zooms it in or out, adjusting the character appropriately to achieve a true three-dimensional effect. This is noticeable on closeups or simulation games.



"The Super Famicom is one of the hottest gaming hardware products to date. Combining superior sounds, graphics, and unbelievable special effects, the Super Famicom will become a tough act to follow!! Can I put this down now?"



"Hi! It's Ken again, and I'm going to explain the 16-bit advantage. Look for my colleagues Martin and Mike in the Genesis and Computer sections! The Nintendo Entertainment System, Sega Master System, and NEC Turbografx 16 belong to the fading family of 8-bit machines. While numerous excellent games are being produced for these systems, they just can't compete with the sheer power of the 16-bit machine. Graphics and sound aren't the only factors, however. Gameplay, theme, price, availability, and longevity are all very important factors to consider also."



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**SYSTEM
PROCESSOR**
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**PROCESSOR
SPEED**
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**SOUND
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"The scaling feature is important for driving and flying games for the 3D effect. It also works great as a tool to give the player a close up of the action!"



ROTATION

This special effect can spin any sprite, even an entire screen, if necessary!!

"Rotation is a marvel to watch onscreen! Any game that can make me dizzy with this effect has my respect!"



PGA TOUR GOLF ON THE SFX!!

MODE 7

The true magic of the Super Famicom really shows when it operates in "Graphics Mode 7." This marvel allows programmers to rotate, shrink, or enlarge graphics quickly.

"Mode 7 is a breakthrough in 16-bit gaming. Once you've seen Mode 7 in action, you'll never believe your eyes! In this mode, the entire screen comes to life and threatens to jump out of your television!!"



SOUND QUALITY

The Super Famicom has a special Sony sound chip with an 8-bit CPU and a digital signal processor built-in. This allows full stereo, eight simultaneous voices, and incredible echo effects.



"One of the first things you notice when you turn on a Super Famicom game is the amazing sound quality. When hooked up to a stereo system, the Super Famicom blows me away!!"



MULTISCROLLING BACKGROUND

The SFX maintains the ability to have more than one background scene moving in different directions at the same time. This creates a true 3D effect.



"Any cartridge that utilizes the eye-popping multi-scrolling background effect on the Super Famicom will probably be a winner. The time and care taken to create a game with such realism will be a treat to play and watch."

ON	COLORS DISPLAYED	MAXIMUM SPRITES
18	256	128
S	COLORS AVAILABLE	SPRITE SIZE
	32,768	64 x 64

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EXPERIENCE COUNTS...

Until the Sega Genesis System was released, the Nintendo Entertainment System had little or no competition in the marketplace. As the world's first 16-bit home gaming system, one would think that it should have blown Nintendo off the map. However, due to a lack of software, the Genesis faded into the backlight while Nintendo maintained its power. Now, with more licenses and, thus, more cartridges, the Genesis has finally come into its own.

The advantages of this system are clear. The overall cost of a Genesis is not much higher than that of Nintendo and the pure gaming quality is far superior (until the Super NES is released anyway). The musical scores, vivid graphics, and special effects make the Genesis a far more worthy machine.

The Genesis is by far the fastest system around, pumping out 7.6 MHz from a 68000 processor! The resolution is a proud 320 by 224 pixels, and

10 sound channels (9 channels for digitized audio sound and 1 channel for human voice samples) crank out the tunes! The Genesis received the highly coveted Best New Video Game System of the Year Award in the 1989-1990 season from Electronic Gaming Monthly, as well as others.

Although lately the Genesis has become bogged down by numerous shooting games, many adventure, sports, and simulation titles are beginning to appear regularly to whet the appetites of "role-players" who aren't interested in the basic shoot 'em up and beat 'em up themes. Now, with the 16-bit Genesis technology, players can live in a different time and place, operate a futuristic tank or hypercycle, or even sit back and conquer a world or two! Video gaming has come to a new frontier, having graduated from the increasingly dull world of 8-bit gaming into 16-bit gaming. In fact, by the time anyone fully delves into the true potential of the 16-bit machines a 32-bit machine will probably emerge.

"Yo, gaming fans! This is Martin Alessi, and I'm going to help show off the amazing functions of the Sega Genesis 16-bit system. With the

exception of a few titles most 8-bit games pale in comparison to nearly any Genesis cartridge. Genesis sounds are realistic with an incredible bass reproduction that gets away from the traditional pings and beeps of 8-bit games. 16-bit software is also hitting an all-time high with carts like John Madden Football and Lakers vs. Celtics and the NBA Playoffs in the stores."

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"Since the hardware of the Sega Genesis doesn't support rotation, the programmers use what is called Software Rotation or Bit-map Rotation. This way, the Genesis can rotate objects in a similar way to the Super Famicom."

ROTATION



SYSTEM

SYSTEM
PROCESSOR

68000

PROCESSOR
SPEED

7.6 MHz

SCREEN
RESOLUTION

320 x 224

SOUND
CHANNELS

10



SCALING

"The Genesis makes use of 3D scaling in Blockout. The largest use for 3D scaling is in driving simulations such as Road Rash by Electronic Arts. Many Genesis title screens also utilize this. This feature is the most impressive of all."



"Look for the polygon capabilities in titles like Road Rash!"



"After a huge backwash of shooting games, look forward to seeing more adventure/exploration titles like Might and Magic. These games provide hours (if not weeks or months!) of fun and challenge."

POLYGON GRAPHICS

Polygon graphics is the ability to take a geometric figure and manipulate it so that it appears to have depth and feel. This gives the Genesis the appearance to have hardware scaling like the Super Famicom. The effect is excellent for driving games to show objects approaching from a horizon, etc. It still isn't true scaling, though.



"One of the highlights of the Genesis is its polygon graphics capabilities. Games like Road Rash make full use of this feature to create a crisp, colorful, and clean 3D effect. No system does this as well as the Genesis presently."

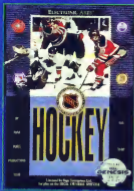
PARALLAX SCROLLING

The latest rave around town is the parallax scrolling feature. Even 8-bit systems are attempting to duplicate this effect. Essentially, parallax scrolling is nothing more than multiple backgrounds (or layers) moving in the same direction at different speeds. This gives the effect of depth and distance. The more the layers, the more the realism; real-life parallax layers are infinite!!



"Parallax scrolling is an amazing feature to watch in action. If the number of layers is large enough, the depth effect will become extremely real to the point of turning eerie! Starflight is an excellent example of this."

RESOLUTION	COLORS DISPLAYED	MAXIMUM SPRITES
224	64	80
MODELS	COLORS AVAILABLE	SPRITE SIZE
	512	32 x 32



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SOFTWARE

*"Ever notice how
Genesis cartridges
other Genesis car-
tridges are
big on*





BLOCKOUT™

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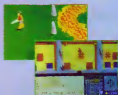
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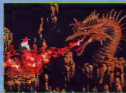
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"Luckily for all Genesis owners, 1991 features a large influx of Genesis carts from numerous outside licencess. As these carts filter in, kids and adults alike should find a game just to their liking. If Sega manages to keep the car-





THE IMMORTAL

The Immortal is a 3D action/adventure bonanza of traps, tricks, and riddles. You are a wizard searching for your long lost teacher, Mordemir. To rescue Mordemir you must traverse innumerable traps, monsters, and secret passageways. To help you on your quest, you will meet characters with information and find items like keys, notes, weapons, and even scrolls. Set in the three-quarter view perspective, The Immortal gives the player a true sense of realism. Although great on the NES and Amiga, this is the best yet.

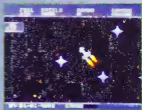
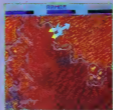


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tridges flowing and the quality knob, even Nintendo will have a hard time catching up with their new Super Famicom cartridges. I expect the 16-bit race to really heat up in 1992, after the SFX reaches maturity and gains more support from fans and retailers."

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COMPUTERS

IN THE SHADOWS...

From the darkness of gaming doom, computers are making a marvelous comeback. In years past, computers were the main form of video game entertainment. Then, Nintendo surfaced with the NES and virtually trod the computer gaming industry to a new low. Why not? The NES supported more sound quality and closer to arcade gameplay than computers. Now, after the emergence of the Ad Lib and Roland boards, not to mention the new RealSound technology, computers are climbing back up from their early retirement. One large reason for this change of events is the growing popularity of simulation games like Chuck Yeager's Air Combat™. Games

Hi! I'm Mike Riley. I'm going to explain some of the key points of the most forgotten 16-bit gaming system in the world:

the computer. The two main gaming computers are the PC and the Amiga computers.

*Neither system is necessarily better than the other, but each has its own advantages. The Amiga has superior sound and graphics, unless the PC is upgraded. PC's do have more gaming peripherals to choose from, however.**



like this breathe new life into those dusty PC compatible shells by offering realism and excellent graphics.

One next generation gaming computer is the Amiga. This crafty amalgam of silicon supports high resolution graphics, superb digitized sounds, and a relatively low price tag to boot. The games for the Amiga are also visually pleasing, utilizing a larger palette of colors than most systems.

Today's computers are the true 16-bit machines, albeit not necessarily meant for gaming, before the SFX and Genesis. Of course, what fun is working on a major spreadsheet project without the ability to pop in the latest version of Car & Driver to relax and unwind? In a word, boring!! Well, computer games are here to stay!!



KEYBOARD

"The keyboard interface allows players to have more control over various different functions throughout a game, usually for quest games."



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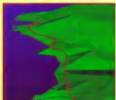
"Probably one of the best features for any gaming system, saving your game lets players take a break from the action and return to the game in the exact same position they left off."

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As Chuck Yeager's Air Combat clearly demonstrates, computers offer a spectacular range of colors and crisp detail. With its advanced calculation abilities, the computer can manipulate the graphics almost without bound! Take it from me, computers are a wave of the future!!"



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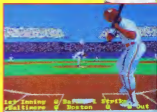


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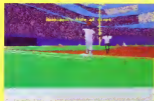


SOFTWARE

"5 1/4" floppies are extremely outdated for the computer gamer of tomorrow."



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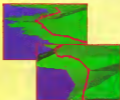
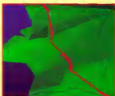


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INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

NEWS, Previews and Info From Around the Electronic Gaming World

Game Companies Unveil New Summer Carts at Tokyo Consumer Software Group Trade Show!

Over two dozen of the major Japanese software companies gave the Japanese game players and press a sneak peek at what will be coming out in the next 6 months. Called the Consumer Software Group Trade show, this event was held on March 24th and 25th in Tokyo.

Of course, your globe trotting, EGM reporters were there, camera in hand, in order to bring back the very latest in new software information.

And that there was plenty of! In a time when software usually takes a back seat to outdoor activities, there didn't appear to be any slow-down in new games coming out this summer.

Just the opposite! We previewed over 100 new carts, and even more are in the works.

SUPER FAMICOM

With the Super Famicom the newest system on the market, many of the companies appeared to be placing strong emphasis on new carts for this super System! For example, Irem easily had the Game of the Show with their hot shooter - Super R-Type. Capcom unveiled a great conversion of the arcade classic - UN Squadron and Taito's first SF title is a conversion of their coin-op side scrolling shooter - Darius Twin.

But not all of the SF titles were shooters. Tonkin House came with an

excellent conversion of Wanderers from Y's. Seta had a complete version of the RPG - Gdleen and Kemco showed off Draikken.

There were a few new sports games. Baseball being the most popular sport in Japan had no less than three new SF softs. Jaleco's Super Professional Baseball looked and played the best; Culture Brain's Super Ultra Baseball improved upon their 8 bit version (the 'strange' league is even more bizarre); and Sony's Pro Baseball Ganba League had the best new features. T & E Soft was there with their new 3-D Golf Simulation and Imagineer talked about a new soccer game.

MEGA DRIVE

Sega's main product was, as expected, Sonic the Hedgehog and judging by the long lines around that game, old Sonic may be as big a hit in Japan as he is going to be here! The arcade game - Bonanza Brothers was also shown and sources have verified that we will probably see this soft here by the end of the year. Shining and the Darkness was completed as were Super Invasion and Langrisser.

From the Sega licenses the biggest surprise was a partial ROM of Double Dragon 2 by Palsoft. They also had a new vertical scrolling shooter called Undead Line. Other shooters, and there were plenty of those on display, included Fire Mustang by Taito; Zero Wing by Toaplan; Space Battleship Gomora by UPL; and Vortex by Asmic. Blue Almanac from Hot-B

of Japan was the best quest game with Alicia Dragoon coming in a close second. Human had a new split screen 2 player driving game - Fastest 1..

PC ENGINE

Hudson, the major PC Engine software company, had quite a few surprises for everybody. At the top of the list was Final Soldier, the third in the Star



Final Soldier is Hudson's best yet!

Soldier series. Neutopia 2, along with the visually spectacular CD saga - Download 2, are sequels that far surpass the originals and are coming soon. CD's are definitely the way to go for this system, now that the installed base of CD-ROM players is high enough to make this type of medium profitable for the companies. And new CD's were out in force! Bonanza Brothers, Zero Wing, Devil Hunter Yoko and most importantly, a sequel to Aleste (M.U.S.H.A. here) that blew away the Genesis version, hands down!

FAMICOM

Things were relatively quiet on this system. Ninja Gaiden easily walked away with the best for this system! Snow Brothers, Over Horizon, JuJu Land and Palamedes 2 were the best of the remainder.

GAME BOY

Sequels were the highlight in this format. Mickey Mouse 2, Popeye 2 and Choplifter 2 were the best of the lot.



Crowds gathered around the Sonic Demo!



Super R-Type was the best game at the show!



Double Dragon 2 is coming to the Mega Drive!



Ninja Gaiden 3 was the best Famicom game!

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Epic/Sony/Super Famicom JERRY BOY

EPIC/Sony has a new game where you play the part of a cute big eyed, blue jelly bear. It's a new quest game for the younger player and your goal is to rid the kingdom of the monsters who have taken it over. Get information from the townspeople, extra energy in the homes, and travel through the kingdom avoiding the enemy and staying alive!



Jerry Boy



Tonkin House/Super Famicom WANDERERS FROM Y'S

The spectacular PC Engine adventure/quest game is being converted to the SF. While lacking the great soundtrack and voice, the graphics have been enhanced and the game plays as well as the original. With long sinuous mazes, tons of new enemies to defeat and end bosses that will challenge the best of players, Y's 3 takes adventure games to new heights!



Quick, turn the page!

Seta/Super Famicom GDLEEN

Gdleen is the first true RPG to come out for the Super Famicom. The quest portion is set in a 3/4 overhead view and is similar to the Phantasy Star genre. As you travel through the countryside you will encounter the enemy and the screen switches to the battle scene. In this, the fighting takes place head on, in a first person perspective view. The rest of the game follows the 'standard' RPG theme with different types of armor, weapons and magic upgrades to be purchased in the shops or located elsewhere in the game.



HAL of Japan/Super Famicom HYPER ZONE

Hot on the heels of Nintendo's futuristic SF racing game - F-Zero will be HAL's version: Hyper Zone. Set in a first person perspective, you must pilot your rocket craft through long, winding courses while avoiding or destroying the enemy ships that appear on the screen. Kick in the Turbo boost but watch the temp gauge so you don't overheat!



Blow away the enemy ships who are after you!



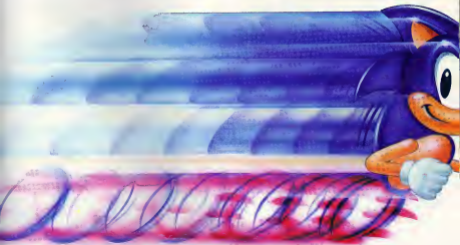
Power!



Turbo Boost!



Speed!





Both Billy and Jimmy are back in the 'classic' DD-2. Now for the MD!

Palsoft/Mega Drive DOUBLE DRAGON 2 - THE REVENGE

The 'classic' of martial arts game is coming to the MD later this summer! With graphics that rival the arcade version, this copy of DD 2 offers spectacular flicker-free one and two player cooperative game play! All of the great moves have been translated directly from the coin-op making this not only, the best looking but also the best playing of the DD games yet!

Toaplan/Mega Drive ZERO WING

While shooters are being deemphasized by Sega, the few that will be coming out will be spectacular! Features like - 8 meg, elaborate multi-leveled backgrounds, huge bosses and tons of weapons and power-ups, will be the standard fare in the new generation of shoot-em-ups! In other words -- Zero Wing!



Zero Wing is an example of the new generation of MD shooters!



You just missed him!



**UPL/Mega Drive
SPACE BATTLE SHIP
GOMORA**

Another example of the new generation of shooters is this beauty by UPL. Highly detailed backgrounds and challenging game play set this side scroller light years ahead of the current breed of action game.

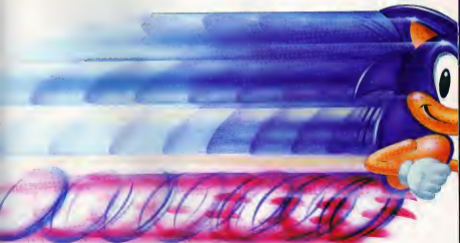


**Taito/Mega Drive
FIRE MUSTANG**

Step back in history. Back to the days of old Mustang P-41's and other vintage WW2 aircraft. This is the setting for Taito's new side view, side scrolling shooter. Go up against squadrons of enemy planes who may not have the most awesome firepower, but do make up for it in sheer numbers! Good seat-of-the-pants flying is definitely needed.



*The enemy's attack
is relentless!*



Sega/Mega Drive **BONANZA BROTHERS**

Sega is bringing to the MD a conversion of a little seen coin-op title. Closely resembling the old Atari 2600 Keystone Kapers, BB is a 1 or 2 person cooperative, split screen chase-and-shoot game. You are the robbers in this game, and your goal is to break into buildings gather the treasures and get to the roof to make your getaway. If the security guards or police get in your way they will have to be eliminated. It's all in fun though, and tastefully done!



Human/Mega Drive FASTEST 1

Human has just created the first MD 2 player head-to-head auto racing game. This was done by splitting the screen, and providing each player with his own view of the track. Unfortunately the graphics need more work as the current prototype more closely resembles Super Monaco GP for the Master System.



*Race
head-to-head with a
friend for the
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You have to be faster than that!

Taito/Famicom
THE LEGEND OF JU JU

Here's a game that you can go ape over! Help Ju Ju through 6 levels of steamy jungles, dark caves, and sheer cliffs. Grab a football helmet for some added protection as you scale the walls. Avoid both the enemy and the hidden traps and pitfalls that are set up throughout the round. It's a cute game which is also fun and challenging to play.

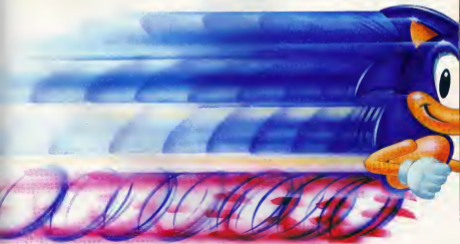


The best version is you against a friend!



**Hot-B/
 Famicom
 PALAMEDES 2**

We're all familiar with the original Palamedes brought out by Hot-B for the NES. The sequel, which offers more of the same game now contains star backgrounds of the zodiac constellations. Play either a solo version or go side-by-side with a friend. Scheduled to come out later this month.





Hudson/PC Engine

FINAL SOLDIER

First there was Star Soldier, then came SUPER Star Soldier, and now the third in the series is coming out for the PC Engine. This version features wave after wave of enemy who attack relentlessly and in such volume that the game is virtually impossible! FS offers firepower to match but it still will take the very best 'soldier' to win this war!



Naxat/PC Engine MAGIC SOLDIER

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Hudson/PC Engine **BONK 3**

With Bonk's Revenge not even on the market yet, EGM has learned from its sources in Japan that work is already underway on the third game in the Bonk series! Instead of another humorous adventure as we saw in the first two versions, the third is to be an RPG! Not to worry though. As our exclusive pictures show, the game will still maintain a comical nature. The tentative storyline has Bonk falling in love with the kingdom's princess but before he can marry her he has to kill off the dragon who is terrorizing the country. It looks like an RPG, but somehow we think that it just won't play like any RPG we've ever seen!



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Shoot-em-ups take on a whole new look in Capcom's upcoming release for the Super Famicom called U.N. Squadron! This is a blaster filled with plenty of death and destruction over land and in the skies!

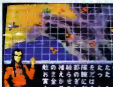
Following the format of the popular arcade title, U.N. Squadron puts you in the cockpit of an advanced fighter/bomber on a mission to liberate foreign lands. Armed with vulcan cannons and powerful armaments, you have the ability to take out anything in your path.

Between each battle, you can enjoy the spoils of war by enhancing your guns to get even more power out of your plane. Don't worry either, because you'll need every bullet you can muster against the invading tanks, planes, bombers and huge end-of-level Bosses!

True to the coin-op in almost every respect, including graphics and sounds, U.N. Squadron even manages to toss in some new features that send it over the top! An incredible shooter that's already destined to appear for the American Super NES!



Clear the stage for bonus then head into the briefing room for your next mission!



LEVEL ONE



Make your way to the frontier of the battlefield in level 1!

Get your first taste of the Bosses that lay ahead!

LEVEL TWO



Go airborne against the enemy intruders!

Blow a whole through the defenses and go after the enemy stealth!

LEVEL THREE



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Soon, that question may be 'Where do interactive movies come from?', especially if you talk to the people at ICOM Simulations. They're working on new interactive CD-ROM technology that is simply amazing. For those TurboGrafx gamers fortunate enough to own a CD-ROM unit, they'll be able to see ICOM's newest creation, Sherlock Holmes. This is no ordinary CD-ROM game. The wizards at ICOM have done what the creators of the NEC TurboGrafx system said was impossible to do. The impossible task was to have real-time video running synchronously with digital audio playback. ICOM have broken ground with Sherlock Holmes, because you can now watch the events unfold before you with nearly flicker-free video and clear audio playback, just like watching a movie!

Three key people at ICOM Simulations are participating in the management of this remarkable advancement in video game technology: Ken Tarolla, Director of Creative Development, Joe Gaucher, Director of Technical Development, and Gary Koffler, Director of Advanced

Applications. They will be the first to admit, however, that every person at ICOM played an important part towards the realization of this creative process. In fact, ICOM's President and CEO Dennis Defensor has played an enormously important role in the management of ICOM's current goals and visions.

Time for some history. ICOM Simulations located in Wheeling, Illinois has been involved in the production of interactive adventure games since 1985. Their first adventures for the home computer market were *Deja Vu*, *Uninvited* and *Shadowgate*. These titles were enthusiastically received by computer gamers and the company grew from the initial 10 employees to the now over 45 personnel ICOM has working for them. Even back then, Todd Zipnick, the founding member of ICOM, knew that CD-ROM would play an important part in the future of interactive gaming. In the years that followed, research and development concentrated towards CD-ROM entertainment applications on several platforms that supported the medium. When they completed their research,

ICOM approached several companies that offered CD-ROM link-ups to their systems. At the time, NEC was the most enthusiastic about the idea and assisted ICOM in the creation of Sherlock Holmes for the TurboGrafx-16 system. When they completed the prototype of Sherlock Holmes, Ken told us that his company received the highest accolade possible; the NEC engineers in Japan were totally mind-boggled, saying that what ICOM had accomplished was just not possible on the TurboGrafx. This seems to have created a new trend for ICOM, because they're continuing their search for answers to the impossible with some new R&D ideas that designers today say are impossible.

After achieving success on the NEC system, ICOM targeted their technology onto the popular Japanese computer, the Fujitsu FM Towns. The FM Towns is unique in that it is a 386 PC compatible with a CD-ROM unit built-in as standard equipment, not an accessory like most American-style PC's. Knowing that every FM Towns owner had a CD-ROM drive, ICOM grafted their technology onto this platform as well.



Ken Tarolla, Director of Creative Development at ICOM Simulations



Joe Gaucher, Director of Technical Development, ponders on CD-ROM.



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In addition, Sherlock Holmes was also given more color and a higher frame to second ratio. On the TurboGrafix, the video is replayed at 10 frames per second. This value is 15 frames per second on the FM Towns. The FM Towns version also offers more colors because of the hardware support for 14,000 colors on the screen simultaneously from a palette of 32,767 colors possible. The programmer responsible for the FM Towns version was Fred Allen. ICOM is now working on versions for the new Commodore CDTV unit, as well as possible conversions for the PC compatible CD-ROM market.

With the idea of solving the impossible, ICOM's Gary Koffler is working

hard at some ideas that have been explored in the past with only moderate success when applied to video game technology. Specifically, Gary is working towards incorporating artificial intelligence and virtual realities into video game adventures. Imagine being able to play a game surrounded in a world you are completely enclosed in. Sights and sounds will trick your mind into believing what you see is really happening in the physical world! Although the headsets like those imagined in the movie 'Brainstorm' may be a number of years away, Gary wrestles with the possibilities every day. He is also applying the ideas of incorporating true artificial intelligence routines into

adventure games. This means that games of the future will eventually be self-sustaining in their own computerized realities. Imagine creating a character and watching that character grow old, as well as every character it interacts with in the game. For example, if you meet a character who you befriend, that character will remember when you met, how you met, and the experiences you have faced together. The computerized entity will also be able to go off on his own adventures and return to tell you about them. Who knows, he may even bring back more friends or even create new enemies on his own. Every time boot the game, you'll be creating a new world mirroring the relationships of our own!

Ken, Joe, and Gary express that in a few years, these ideas will be further explored and with the current technology at our disposal, we'll be able to rent CD-ROM games like videotapes. In fact, some visionary movie producers are shooting extra film footage just for the purpose of supplying multiple directions and pathways for these adventure games of the future. Imagine playing the part of Arnold Schwarzeneger in the Terminator II, making the decisions yourself and facing different consequences! If you think we'll never see that happen, just chat with the people at ICOM, they love to challenge people who say 'that's impossible'!



A comparison of the decision pathway screens in ICOM Simulations' Sherlock Holmes. The FM Towns version shown on the left boasts more colors and greater frames per second than the NEC, but game play is identical.

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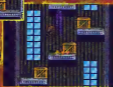
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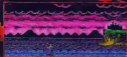
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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Tradewest
Machine: NES
Cartridge Size: 2 Meg
Special Chip: MMC3
Number of Levels: 12
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Hard
Number of Players: 1 or 2
Available: Now



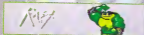
FUNKY KEEN FROG MACHINES!!!

Time to toss your shells aside and get ready for some toadally awesome fighting action. Princess Angelica and Pimple were out cruising and were kidnapped by the evil Dark Queen. Now it's up to Zitz and Rash to rescue the princess and their captured comrade. You're no ordinary amphibian though, you're radder than a reptile and nastier than a ninja when there's a battle to be fought. You have over 20 different moves at your disposal as well as turning the tables on the bad guys by using their arms and legs, lost in battle, as even more powerful weapons.

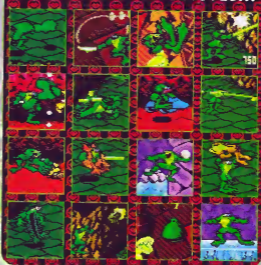


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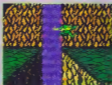
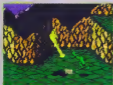
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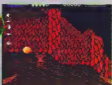
COOL CINEMA DISPLAYS



LEVEL ONE: RAGNAROK'S CANYON



Throw the rocks at the Boss to defeat him.



LEVEL TWO: WOOKIEE HOLE

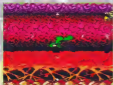


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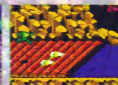


LEVEL THREE: TURBO TUNNEL



Halfway through the round these little invaders will try to steal your health. Punch them and they will drop the life square, but you must catch it to return it to your meter.

LEVEL FOUR: ARCTIC TUNNEL



LEVEL FIVE: SURF CITY

Surf's up dude! Check out those huge waterfalls. Watch out for the logs.

LEVEL SIX: KARNATH'S LAIR



Ride the huge snakes to get to the top of this area. Be careful as the Jaster levels have fatal spikes below.



Grab this guy's leg and beat the boss!

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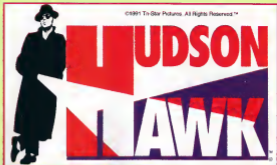
Manufacturer: Imagesoft
Machine: Nintendo
Cartridge Size: 1 meg
Number of Levels: N/A
Theme: Action-Strategy
Difficulty: Medium
Number of Players: 1
Available: Fall 1991

PLAY THE WORLD'S GREATEST CAT BURGLAR!

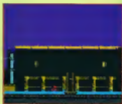
Eddie Hawkins, also known as "Hudson Hawk", just got out of prison after serving a long 10 year sentence. He's vowed to give up his illegal profession as the world's greatest cat burglar. That was until ultra-rich and mega-trendy Darwin and Minerva Mayflower forced him out of retirement. They needed the best thief in the business to steal three Leonardo da Vinci artifacts. If the Hawk-man refuses to work for the Mayflower's, they will kill Hawk's best friend!

With his back against the wall, Hawk accepts this new mission which sends him around the world in search for the three artifacts. What Hawks doesn't know, however, is that these priceless objects when combined together are extremely lethal, as in goodbye civilized world! Hawk eventually discovers this reality with the help of Anna Baragli. With this new found knowledge, not only does Hawk have to track down the necessary artifacts to save his friend, but also put a stop to the Mayflowers' evil scheme.

In Sony Imagesoft's "Hudson Hawk" for the Nintendo, you play Bruce Willis' character, "Hudson Hawk", searching for the artifacts while avoiding the police, the Mayflowers and other dangerous traps. You'll also have to deal with jumping across ravines and buildings throughout your quest.



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Spring, punch, throw and even crawl your way to the artifacts!



"Hudson Hawk" features many elements of strategy too! Here, Hawk stacks boxes to go places!



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How would you like to be one of the first people to see Bruce Willis' new movie, "Hudson Hawk"? How would you like to have the entire movie theater to yourself and 100 of your friends? How would you like to own the new Nintendo Super NES? And how about owning every title that Sony Imagesoft has ever produced for the new Super NES, the 8-bit Nintendo and the GameBoy? That's a lot of stuff, isn't it?!? And all this could be yours if you're the Grand Prize winner in the ultimate movie to game tie-in sweepstakes. Sony Imagesoft and Tri-Star Pictures, Inc. are offering you a chance to win this ultimate prize of a lifetime if you enter your name in the "Hudson Hawk" Sweepstakes!

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FIRST PRIZES

Five winners will receive first prize - a VHS copy of the movie "Hudson Hawk" when it becomes available.

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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Sega
Machine: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 8 Meg
Number of Levels: 9
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: Now

MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE

RESCUE YOUR FAMILY FROM THE MUTANT SCUM!

Your grandfather has been conducting experiments on an alien life form he found on the moon. The creature seemed dormant at first but then it suddenly went haywire and destroyed his lab. The organism mutated, transformed an entire city's population into a hideous mutant army, and kidnapped your entire family. Now it's up to you to rescue your relatives and rid the world of this alien menace. Use your guerrilla warfare skills and an arsenal of awesome weapons to put an end to this chaos. Don't get any mutant guts on you.



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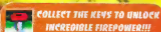
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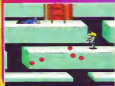
LEVEL 1: ENTRANCE TO MUTANT HEADQUARTERS



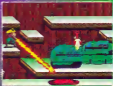
This is where the battle begins, your partner drops you off at the front lines to the mutant headquarters. You will be confronted by many foot soldiers so collect the keys they drop. Watch out for the huge tank boss!



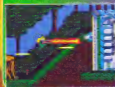
LEVEL 2: MUTANT DEFENSIVE DETOUR ZONE



The mutants set a decoy entrance for you. Now you must survive this intense defensive zone to get to the real entrance. Crawl through the base and destroy the missile launcher with the fire weapon.



LEVEL 3: ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION ZONE



Now you're back outside the base again and must progress through this extremely well guarded area. Hop onto the platform for a ride to the top where you face a giant saw-machine with an attitude problem.



LEVEL 4: SECRET REAR ENTRANCE TO MUTANT H.Q.



Cross the wooden bridge that goes through the waterfalls to get the secret rear entrance to the mutant H.Q. Get ready to battle an entire armada of deadly stealth bombers before entering the massive mutant base.



BLAST THROUGH THE MUTANTS' BASE AND RESCUE YOUR FAMILY!



FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Sega
Machine: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 8
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Easy
Number of Players: 1 or 2
Available: Now

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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Ballistic
Machine: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: NA
Theme: Sports
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1 or 2
Available: Now



HOLY COW!!!

That's right baseball fans, it's that time of year again, and Ballistic's Hardball is here for the Genesis! All of the American and National League teams are featured in Hardball. As a pitcher, choose from a variety of pitches and stances, or attempt to pick off a base runner. As a batter, pick your stance and maybe go for extra bases.

One unique feature in Hardball is the Batting Cage mode. Here, you can practice slugging the variety of pitches out of the ballpark!! You can also play a world series game, or start a new season with the handy password feature!

Another amazing triumph in Hardball is the digitized voices and sound effects! You'll cringe when you hear the plate umpire call a strike, and rejoice when the announcer yells "Homerun!"

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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Treco
Machine: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 9
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Moderate
Number of Players: 1
Available: June

ARE YOU TOUGH ENOUGH??

When the going gets tough, the tough get Street Smart! Battle your way through Treco's marvelous coin-op translation of Street Smart for the Sega Genesis. Nine levels of pure martial arts action await as you try to win the prize and the girl. The alleyways and dark streets of the city slums are the battleground, and no force can stop your fury!

Utilizing six different attacks and two defensive moves, face off against the nine stage bosses. Sometimes, the bosses have a twin, and they gang up on you! If all else fails, you have an ultra-powerful death blow to throw at an opponent. This radical move uses energy, however, so don't squander it aimlessly!

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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: LJN
 Machine: GameBoy
 Cartridge Size: 1 Meg
 Number of Levels: 5
 Theme: Shooter
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Number of Players: 1
 Available: Now



THE GUILTY MUST BE PUNISHED. THE INNOCENT MUST BE PROTECTED

SHOW NO FEAR!

After local crime figures gained down his family, the Punisher has become a one man crusade against evil! Help him fight the drug lords and gangs that are terrorizing the city. Even Spiderman is willing to give you a hand!!

The Punisher, by LJN, has a first-person shooting perspective. Power up icons are hidden in objects scattered throughout the levels, as well as on the enemies themselves. Shoot everything (except the innocent bystanders) on the screen to uncover tons of weapons, health, and 1-up! Be sure to shoot all of the enemies! After each level, you will receive a tally of the number of enemies shot. If you get 100%, you'll receive a free man! You may be outnumbered, but you're not out-gunned!!



THE PUNISHER



LEVEL 1 THE MALL

Spiderman will help you rescue people shopping in the mall. Don't blast him!



LEVEL 2 THE DOCKS

The game gets harder in this level. The enemies try to hide in barrels and crates.



LEVEL 3 THE AIRPORT

The hardest level yet!

Many enemies pop out of the woodwork. Check doors!



GRAB THESE ICONS TO STAY ALIVE!!



Bullet Clip



Extra Grenade



Kevlar Vest



Machine Gun



First Aid



Free Man



STAGE 3 COMPLETE
 ENEMIES SHOT 11
 WEAPONS FOUND 100%
 90% - HEALTH IN BONUS - 85%
 100% - 50% BONUS - 95%
 100% - 50% BONUS - 95%

BONUS

After each round, tally your enemy percentage for bonuses!!



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The game plays great on all Game Boy systems.

FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Sega
Machine: Game Gear
Cartridge Size: 1 Meg
Number of Levels: 6
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: Now



ONE MORE TIME!!!



The most popular mouse of all time is back again, and this time, the Game Gear has him! Basically, the Sega programmers have duplicated the Master System version of Castle of Illusion for the Game Gear, and we mean duplicated! Every level is intact, as well as all pitfalls, items, enemies, and music.

The theme hasn't changed; the witch Mizrabel mouse-napped Minnie, and it's up to you to save her by finding the seven Rainbow Gems. Again, you may play a practice game to hone your skills, just as in the SMS version. The gems are strewn throughout five levels, and Minnie lies captive in the sixth level. Levels Four and Five contain two gems each while Level Six has two nasty bosses!

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E-I



OPEN THE CHESTS TO OBTAIN MORE POWER AND POINTS!!



ITEM BOX
Holds valuable stuff.



BIG CAKE
Heals Mickey.



BIG COIN
Worth big points!



EXTRA MOUSE
Always handy!



MAGIC KEY
Opens some doors.



SMALL CAKE
Revives one health point.



SMALL COIN
More extra points.



POWER STAR
Power ups health meter.



GEMS

AREA



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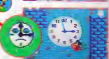
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FACT-FILE

Manufacturer: Sunsoft
Machine: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 7
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: Now

THE CAPED CRUZADER GOES 16-BIT!

Batman is finally here for the Genesis! The Mega Drive cart that has become a legend in the mail order houses is now available in the U.S. All of the incredible graphics and sounds are still there as well as the great game play that goes right along with the movie. The U.S. National Video Game Team is going to blow this one apart for you, with special maps, tips, and tricks to help you clean up Gotham and put an end to the Joker's wicked schemes. We'll show you how to get through levels 1 through 4 and next issue we'll continue with 5 through 7 to help you finish the game.



BATMAN



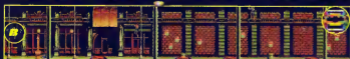
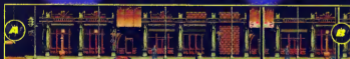
VICKI VALE



JOKER



LEVEL 1: GOTHAM CITY STREET



BOSS 1

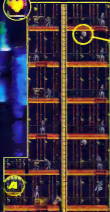


Grab the hearts and nail him with your Batarangs. When you run out, flip over him and punch him from behind.

LEVEL 2: AXIS CHEMICAL FACTORY



Get the heart to fill your life meter.



In this area two thugs will slide towards Batman, you must jump over them and then use your grappling hook to make it over the boxes.



Duck in the corner to avoid the laser cannon.



Beware of exploding pipes in front and behind you. If a pipe starts exploding keep moving until you get to the end and you'll be safe.

Store up the Batarangs and don't waste them.



Laser cannons are stationed throughout the factory, a simple punch will put them out of commission.



Watch out for the rocket launchers or you might get blown off the pipes and plummet to your death.

Jump up the platforms to get through here faster.



BOSS 2 JACK HAPIER



Jump onto the platform and a wild attack sequence will ensue. Use your Batarang to knock him off his feet.



Now Jack has been defeated, you'll have to rescue Vicki. He's kidnapped Vicki so rush to her rescue!



LEVEL 3: THE FLUGELHEIM MUSEUM

SPECIAL TRICK!!!



Grab the icon!



When you get to this area, you can max out your Batarangs. First defeat the Axeman, then grab the Bat icon and walk off the side. You'll land on a platform and when it brings you back up, the icon will reappear. Do this until you have 99 Batarangs and it will make fighting the end bosses extremely easier.



In this level there are many moving platforms. These platforms are spiked on the bottom so watch out when jumping up or using the grappling hook.



Watch out for falling chandeliers in the first area and near the moving platforms. Do flips to get past them faster. This is not recommended when jumping on the moving platforms though.



**HANG ON VICKI VALE!!!
NOW TO THE BATMOBILE**



Giant axemen are tough to beat. It takes about 8 or 9 good punches to defeat him.

BATMAN



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Just duck and fire Batarangs at this annoying villain to take him down.

BOSS 3



If you have plenty of Batarangs pouncing this boss will be a breeze. Just stand to the left and duck and shoot.



Many powerups are located on the top level. So make it jump up and get them.



Don't jump here or you'll get a pain in the neck. Just wait to the right.



If you get too close, he'll throw his radio at you and pour in for a beating. Wait till he jumps at you then turn around and punch him.



LEVEL 4: GOTHAM CITY STREETS



Use missiles on this huge artificial tank.



The leftover Batarangs will give you the best chance of missiles. These will help you defeat this level with no problem as long as you don't die.

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Game	Score	Player
Alundra	377,792	Jason Yarka
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Batman	8,302,989	Jeff Akenauer
Demon Fighter	15,349,428	Kelly McKenzie
Defies	8,563,690	Josh Wirth
Double Dragon	346,400	Jeff Berian
Double Dragon 2	461,090	Jason Yarka
Goalblitz	11,711,370	David Wright
Gunfire War	219,460	Steele Zarynski
Karnov	634,000	Rajan Srinivas
Marble Madness	147,152	Jerico Turko
Wipe Out	9,969,990	Jeff Aukens
Metal Gear 2	Finished	Sergio Strugar
Powerboy	161,360	Glen Stockwell
POW! 99	371,890	David Wright
Red Flash	49,400	David Wright
Rampage	42,999,993	Stephen Krogman
Road Riders	969,999	Ralph Daraballa
Rolling Thunder	179,190	Eduard Charbonneau
Sky Shark	1,263,970	Jeff Yanos
Star Soldier	6,640,000	Kelly McKenzie
Space C	9,999,990	David Wright
Super Mario Bros. 3	9,999,990	Sergio Strugar
Tekn	784,927	Rayor Cannon
TNT	9,866,000	Chris Nygard
Wetwell	280,490	Jay Kasper

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1043	3,847,330	Brian Chapp
After Burner	66,524,000	November Kelly
Advanced	1,146,944	Stephen Krogman
APR	1,802,324	Ging Gibson
StreetP99	87,220,090	Steve Ryno
Double Dragon	128,808	Rajan Chapp
Hard Scar	629,800	Jerry Lindars
Kix	3,303,908	Leung Do Chin
Out Run	46,650,370	Don Lee
Tobacco	2,248,400	Stephen Krogman
Swash TV	12,924,006(1 Play)	Ging Gibson
Super Contra	10,840,316	Martin Alvest

GENESIS TURBO SEGA

Game	Score	Player
After Burner	13,972,908	Christopher Sims
Alien Beast	234,400	Alice Gramos
Double Dragon	618,978	Brian DeHavill
Moonsweeper	21,000	Waco Toussant
Out Run	58,676,348	Don Lee
Rampage	776,400	Genesis Fantasy
Rastan	24,104,300	Christopher Sims
R-Type	1,128,500	Brian DeHavill
Shinobi	1,168,790	Todd Sauttle
Space Harrier	35,227,370	Don Lee
Thunder Blade	3,034,000	Bob McKenzie
Time Soldiers	7,437,790	Bob Chapman

Game	Score	Player
After Burner	969,999,999	Berry Bowman
Blazing Lead	99,999,999	Dale Scorsone
Blucky Wolf	2,348,300	Ken Shuler
Snake's Adventure	892,496	Chris Nygard
Cyber Core	269,800	Jim Hakala
Dragon Spirit	826,870	Harley Lewis
Pendley Zone	86,999,190	Ernesto Fish
Fighting Street	347,800	Sergio Strugar
J.J. & Jeff	16,175,650	Chris Cavara
Master Lee	369,800	Terence McKeown
Side Arms	6,296,406	Jim Hakala
Victory Run	18,000,00(13 sec)	Stephen Shelton

Game	Score	Player
After Burner 2	25,817,840	Tony Denney
Alien Beast	4,600,500	Lae Weranauer
Air Drive	76,820,896	Steve Swartz
Columns	94,998,938	Keith DeKorin
Coner	10,548,300	Jeff Yanos
Forgotten Worlds	1,654,100	Tony Denney
Shinobusters	18,362,200	Kurt Schmitt
Ghouls & Ghosts	1,783,100	Steve Swartz
Revenge of Shinobi	12,837,800	Steve Swartz
Target Rank	78,572,548	Randy Lowe
Thunderforce 2	6,778,362	Todd Swaitle
Tuxton	3,251,000	Tony Denney

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